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SUBJECT: BONN SUMMIT: ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

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1. DUE TO ABSENCES KNOWLEDGEABLE MFA OFFICIALS EMBOFF WAS
ABLE TO PRESENT U.S. VIEWS IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL, ONLY ON
AUG. 10. MINISTER EMILIO DE STAFANIS, DIRECTOR OFFICE XIII
(UN AND SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS) SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING IS
THAT SEVEN SUMMIT COUNTRIES HAVE UNTIL AUGUST 15 TO STATE
WHETHER THEY HAVE OBJECTIONS OR RESERVATIONS ON POINT
DEMARCHES. HE OBSERVED THAT BONN DECLARATION SEEMED TO HAVE
BEEN DEVELOPED ON THE SPOT AND WITHOUT BENEFIT OF EXPERT
ADVICE. HE NOTED THAT MANY TECHNICAL POINTS WERE NOT VERY
CLEAR, ESPECIALLY IN RECONCILING BONN DECLARATION WITH HAGUE
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AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS AND ITALY'S BILATERAL CIVAIR AGREEMENT.
HE ALSO WONDERED HOW JOINT DEMARCHES WERE TO BE COORDINATED
AND CARRIED OUT. HE OPINED THAT JOINT APPROACHES CARRIED
OUT EARLIER THIS YEAR THROUGH CONTACT GROUP MECHANISM HAD NOT
ACHIEVED MUCH IN PERSAUDING COUNTRIES TO ADHERE TO THE MONTREAL,
HAGUE AND TOKYO CONVENTIONS. NEVERTHELESS, HE INDICATED GOI
PROABLY WOULD PARTICIPATE IN JOINT DEMARCHES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTIONS, DE STEFANIS CLARIFIED THAT IN HIS OPINION SEVEN SUMMIT COUNTRIES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO INITIATE JOINT DEMARCHES AS SOON AS PROCEDURES FOR MAKING THEM ARE CLEARLY AGREED AND FOLLOW AUG. 15 DEADLINE FOR MAKING OBSERVATIONS. HE DID NOT SEE ANY REASSON TO DELAY UNTIL AUG. 31 WHICH FOR HIM IS DATE BY WHICH DECISION IS TO BE TAKEN ON MEETING OF JURIDICIAL EXPERTS (TO EXAMINE HOW BONN DECLARATION IS TO BE FITTED INTO FRAMEWORK OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND AGREEMENTS).HOLMES

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